

Summer in the Psalms

THE SONGS THAT JESUS SANG

When Trouble Comes – Psalm 27

In the first of our Summer Psalms, Bob shows us how David longs for one thing above all else when in dire trouble - unbroken fellowship with the Lord, and helps us see how Christ has gloriously earned that for us in the Gospel.

For personal reflection/ community discussion:

1. Read through Psalm 27 together. Bob began by stating that the psalms are the prayer book of the Bible. The prayers and songs of people to God but also God's gift to the church to teach us to pray. Have you ever prayed the psalms? How might the psalms help us pray and trust in God?
2. Psalm 27 expresses confidence in God in the midst of crisis. Point out where his crisis and his confidence are expressed. Which of the descriptions of crisis hit home with you? What are the grounds for David's confidence?
3. What does David ask of God? Consider esp. verses 4-10: Does this match with what you ask of God? What do you ultimately want from God?
4. Where does this psalm speak of Jesus and how does it lead us to him? Consider how Jesus fuels and directs our confidence and hope. How does our reality of being united to Jesus inform the end of the psalm (v.13-14)? Read Colossians 3:3-4.

5. If some in your group are in the midst of crisis or suffering of any form at the moment, take time to pray for one another.